

I'm writing to ask you to block Sinclair Broadcasting Group stations from preempting regular programming and broadcasting a film attacking Senator John Kerry called "Stolen Honor" between now and the November 2 presidential election.

As described by the LA Times, Sinclair's plan to air the film raises questions about whether Sinclair would be running afoul of federal regulations "requiring broadcasters to provide equal time to major candidates in an election campaign ...". Provisions of the McCain-Feingold law would also appear to be at issue in your decision. The reported effort by Sinclair executives to instruct station managers to classify the film as "news," thus skirting these political broadcasting regulations, would be a charade given its blatant anti-Kerry slant.

The timing of this film as well as the subject matter is highly suspect in light of our close presidential race. Sinclair should not be allowed to force his political opinions onto the public's airwaves when others are not allowed the same freedom. I trust that in light of these concerns, you will not allow "Stolen Honor" to air.